Compensation to the earthquake victims

[†]2891. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the loss of human lives, properties and livestock along due to earthquake in Gujarat, district-wise;
- (b) the number of families affected alongwith the actual numbers of males, females, children and old age people died as a result thereof:
- (c) whether any survey with a view to ascertain the actual statistics has been conducted at the Central level; and
- (d) the quantum of compensation indicating the per capita amount thereof paid by Government and the number of beneficiary families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Government of Gujarat has reported loss of 20,005 human lives due to the earthquake. District-wise details are given in the Statement (See below). The State Government has also reported that about 20,000 cattle have been lost and about 12.94 lakh houses/huts have been fully/partially destroyed.

- (b) About 1.59 crore population inclusive of all categories has been affected.
 - (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The State Government is paying ex-gratia of 1.00 lakh each to the families of the deceased for every adult and Rs. 60,000 each for every minor. Death compensation amounting to about Rs. 46 crore has already been paid by the State Government.

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

Statement

Details of district-wise Human Loss

S.	Name of District	Human
No.		Deaths
1.	Ahmedabad	751
2.	Anand	1
3.	Banaskantha	32
4.	Bharuch	9
5.	Bhavnagar	4
6.	Gandhinagar	8
7.	Jamnagar	119
8.	Junagadh	8
9.	Kachchh	18416
10.	Navsari	17
11.	Patan	38
12.	Porbandar	9
13.	Rajkot	433
14.	Surat	46
15 .	Surendranagar	113
16.	Vadodara	1
Total:		20005

Fall in prices of coconut and its products

2892. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any measures to arrest decline in prices of coconut and its products;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) the details of copra prices from 1995-96 to 2000-2001;